

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1 before line 1 of the concurrently-filed substitute specification.

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--This application is a division of Application No. 08/863,468 filed May 27, 1997, now *U.S. Patent No. 6,421,145*, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/126,710, filed September 27, 1993, now abandoned.--

Please amend the paragraph at page 1 lines 7 through 12 as follows.

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--In recent years, the improvements in the performance of color copying machines and color printers have been so great that, they may be successfully used in illegal applications. It is almost impossible to trace an illegally used copying apparatus or its operator from the illegal copies made therefrom.--

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 13 through 18 as follows.

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--To prevent illegal copying, the following countermeasure has been attempted. A specific image pattern is registered in a color copying machine or a color printer itself beforehand, and when the pattern on an original is identified by the copying machine or printer, copying is inhibited.--

The paragraph at page 1, lines 19 through 24 has been amended as follows.